

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4409
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RUNNING OF POLLUTING FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether polluting factories having been sealed in December, 2002 are running unabated in the residential areas of Delhi particularly in Trinagar, Rampura, Ranibagh and Shakurbasti in connivance with some officers;
- (b) if so, the time by which these are likely to be shifted from these areas;
- (c) whether the Government propose to seal these factories again;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the work of sealing factories will be done on the basis of house to house search instead of on the basis of survey;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether the Government are contemplating to impose a penalty of Rs. one lakh or more on the house owners where polluting factories are located; and
- (h) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS ~~AND~~ MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (f): The Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that polluting factories running in residential/non-conforming areas were sealed from December, 2000 onwards, in pursuance of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in CWP No. 4677/1985. Surprise checks are being carried out by the Deputy Commissioners/Sub-Divisional Magistrates in their respective areas along with officers of Delhi Pollution Control Committee and Polluting Units which come to notice are sealed. There is no information regarding running of polluting factories in connivance with officers.

Polluting industries, which have applied under the relocation scheme of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi and have been found eligible up to September, 2000 for allotment of plots have been allotted alternative plots in industrial areas by Delhi Small Industries Development Corporation (DSIDC). Polluting industries running in residential/non-conforming areas were sealed by Govt. of NCT of Delhi, in two phases, in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court orders, on the basis of a survey conducted by Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC). Whenever complaints are received regarding industrial units liable to be closed, functioning in residential areas, action is taken after verifying the complaint through inspections.

(g) & (h): The Govt. of NCT of Delhi has reported that there is no such proposal under consideration.